

Business Area #8:
Massachusetts Avenue
Corridor

Boundaries: bordered by Waterhouse Street, Garden Street, Sherman Street, B&M Railroad, Oxford Street, Everett Street, Massachusetts Avenue.

Major areas of Business, Retail, and Industrial concentration include: retail shops, restaurants and offices between 1540 to 1880 Massachusetts Avenue, businesses and offices on Garden, Sherman and Oxford Streets.



1500-1900 Massachusetts Avenue

Thirteen of the nineteen **larcenies from buildings** occurred at the Bally's on Mass. Ave. Incidents were concentrated during the week between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. In all of the incidents an unknown suspect(s) entered both locked and unlocked lockers and took credit cards that were quickly used at area businesses. Larcenies from health clubs in this business district have been an on-going problem since the mid-1990s. • **Larcenies from persons** are down significantly from the average total over the last five years. The first two incidents occurred at local restaurants and involved the theft of a cell phone and a wallet that was left in an unattended coat. The third incident involved the theft of a cell phone at Sacramento Park while the owner was playing basketball. • There has not been a significant **commercial break** pattern in this business district since 1997. The sole commercial break reported in the first six months of 2003 involved a break into a bookstore in which the suspect stole a bag containing checks, cash, and credit card receipts. • Many areas, including this business district, experienced an increase in **commercial robberies** in the first half of 2003 due to a series of bank robberies committed during the first three months of the year. This increase was not only felt by Cambridge, but also by many neighboring cities. Two of the three reported commercial robberies were of banks located on Mass. Ave. The fourth commercial robbery was of a convenience store on Mass. Ave. Two unknown suspects entered the store, bought a bag of chips and left, only to come back and physically force the cashier to open the register. • **Shoplifting** is not a major problem in the Mass Ave corridor. The four scattered incidents in the first six months of the year were at two bookstores, a clothing store, and a convenience store.

CRIME	2 nd Quarter 2002	2 nd Quarter 2003	%CHANGE
Larceny from Building	21	19	-10%
Larceny from Person	6	3	-50%
Commercial Burglary	2	1	*Inc.
Commercial Robbery	2	3	*Inc.
Shoplifting	4	4	N.C.
Fraud/Film Flam/Counterfeiting	8	11	+38%

*Note: percentages are not calculated for numbers so small as to lead to a statistically misleading percentage.

